

June 24, 1937

WILL RIX EXPIRES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

**FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY FROM
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AND BURIED IN GROTON**

The community was saddened Thursday at the death of William A. Rix, who died after a protracted illness at his home one June 18th, just twelve days before he would have reached his seventy-seventh birthday.

Mr. Rix was born June 30, 1860, at Cedar Creek, Wis., and later moved with his parents to Spring Valley, Minn., where he grew to manhood.

At the age of twenty-two he came to South Dakota and took up a tree claim two miles north of Groton and two years later was married to Miss Julia Stelter of Red Wing, Minn., to which union was born five sons and two daughters. His wife died sixteen years later in January, 1900. He again married in 1902 to Miss Grace Robinson, of DeCatur, Mich., and to this union three sons and one daughter was born.

Mr. Rix had lived for fifty-five consecutive years in the Groton community, having established his present home, two and one-half miles north of town in 1909 and where he has lived until his death.

He had a kind and loving disposition and was beloved by all who knew him. Aside from his farming interests he was engaged in stock buying for a number of years and became widely known throughout Brown county. He was also elected tax assessor for Groton township a number of times.

He is survived by his wife and eight sons, namely: James Rix, of Clino, Cal.; Foster, Wilbur, Arthur, Floyd, Otho, Arden and Bryan Rix., all of Groton and two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Sherman of Brookings and Mrs. Ruth Hinkley of Aberdeen.

His other daughter, Mrs. Mabel Shaw, passed away at Philadelphia, Pa., November 7, 1927. He is also survived by five brothers and three sisters and sixteen grand-children.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. B. Cedar, at the Presbyterian church. Burial was made in Groton union cemetery.